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METHOD OF FORMING FLAT-TUBE INSERTION SLOTS IN A HEADER TUBE (Attorney Docket No. 076776-0121) the specification of which (check one) _______ is attached hereto. ______ was filed on ______ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number ______ and was amended on ______ (if applicable).

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THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.



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